

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 2

### Complete if Known

Application Number	10,790,482
Filing Date	March 1, 2004
First Named Inventor	Dean A. Wieting
Art Unit	3651
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	790063.00030

### U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
ND		US- 1,377,450	05/10/1921	Whipple	
ND		US- 1,641,642	09/06/1927	Pangborn	
ND		US- 3,550,756	12/29/1970	Kornylak	
ND		US- 3,964,588	06/22/1976	Kornylak	
ND		US- 4,231,469	11/04/1980	Arscott	
ND		US- 4,821,869	04/18/1989	Hodlewsky	
ND		US- 4,880,107	11/14/1989	Deal	
ND		US- 4,909,380	03/20/1990	Hodlewsky	
ND		US- 4,925,016	05/15/1990	LaPeyre	
ND		US- 4,993,540	02/19/1991	van Capelleveen	
ND		US- 5,096,050	03/17/1992	Hodlewsky	
ND		US- 5,224,583	07/06/1993	Palmaer et al.	
ND		US- 5,238,099	08/24/1993	Schroeder et al.	
ND		US- 5,330,045	07/19/1994	Hodlewsky	
ND		US- 5,404,997	04/11/1995	Schreier et al.	
ND		US- 5,706,934	01/13/1998	Palmaer et al.	
ND		US- 6,044,956	04/04/2000	Henson et al.	
ND		US- 6,148,990	11/21/2000	Lapeyre et al.	
ND		US- 6,209,714 B1	04/03/2001	Lapeyre et al.	

### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>4</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				

Examiner  
Signature

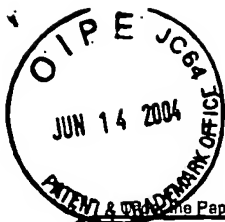
Date  
Considered

4/18/04

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.



U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b> (Use as many sheets as necessary)		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
		Application Number	10,790,482
		Filing Date	March 1, 2004
		First Named Inventor	Dean A. Wieting
		Art Unit	3651
		Examiner Name	
Sheet 2 of 2	Attorney Docket Number	790063.00030	

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
AD		US- 6,367,616 B1	04/09/2002	Lapeyre et al.	
AD		US- 6,398,015 B1	06/04/2002	Sedlacek et al.	
AD		US- 6,494,312 B2	12/17/2002	Costanzo	
AD		US- Des. 289,734	05/12/1987	Schroeder et al.	
AD		US- Des. 299,424	01/17/1989	Schroeder et al.	
AD		US- Des. 299,425	01/17/1989	Schroeder et al.	
AD		US- 2001/0045346 A1	11/29/2001	Costanzo	
AD		US- 2002/0020609 A1	02/21/2002	Lapeyre et al.	
AD		US- 3,082,861	03/26/1963	Kornylak	
AD		US- 5,261,525	11/16/1993	Garbagnati	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				

Examiner Signature	<i>Max Steutgen</i>	Date Considered	9/18/04
--------------------	---------------------	-----------------	---------

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.